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SUBJECT: BARBADOS REQUEST FOR SURPLUS LST

REF: (A) BRIDGETOWN 544 (B) GEORGETOWN 1028 OF 6/19/74

(C) GEORGETOWN 1109 OF 7/2/74 (D) STATE 18628 OF 7/12/74.

1. EMBASSY CONCURS WITH REF A AND RECOMMENDS EXPEDITIOUS AND FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO GOB REQUEST FOR LST. SINCLR VESSEL WOULD BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH GUYANA'S INTEREST IN VENTURE, POSITIVE ACTION BY USG COULD HAVE MARGINALLY TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS HERE.

2. DEPT SHOULD NOTE (REFTELS B AND C) THAT GOG MAKE SIMILAR

REQUEST FOR SURPLUS LSTS LAST YEAR. VESSELS WERE TO HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED IN JOINT VENTURE TIMBER SCHEME IN GUYANA'S NORTH WEST DISTRICT. DEAL NEVER CAME OFF AND GOG DROPPED REQUEST. USG DID RESPOND, HOWEVER, AND INDICATED SURPLUS LST'S AVAILABLE FOR SALE ON SEALED BID BASIS FROM DEFENSE SURPLUS SALES OFFICE, P.O. BOX 100 PORTSMOUTH, RHODE ISLAND, 02871. TEL: 401 841 -3828. BIDS USUALLY AROUND US DOLS 100,000 - 125,000.

3. THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT GOG MIGHT INITIALLY REACT NEGATIVELY TO SALE OF LST TO BARBADOS IF TERMS ARE MORE CONCESSIONARY THAN THOSE OFFERED GOG. EMBASSY PREPARED TO COUNTER THIS REACTION BY
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EMPHASIZING TO GOG, IF NECESSARY, OUR INTEREST IN SUCH SALE

ESPECIALLY BECAUSE IT WILL BE A DEFINITE STEP TOWARD CARICOM
ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND MOREOVER, THAT OFFER OF LST ON SOFT
TERMS (IF INDEED THIS IS THE CASE) PROMPTED BY USG DESIRE TO
SUPPORT BOTH GUYANESE AND BARBADOS DEVELOPMENTS EFFORTS.
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